

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-7 remain active in this application, Claims 2 and 4 having been amended and Claim 1 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Figure 3 and Claim 4 were objected to as including informalities requiring correction; Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Wasynczuk et al (USPG\_PUB No. 2002/0052725); and Claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasynczuk et al as applied to Claims 1-5 above, in view of Reed et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,593).

In response to the objection to Figure 3, the informality identified in Figure 3 has been corrected herewith.

In response to the objection to Claim 4, the dependency of Claim 4 has been corrected herewith to depend from only Claim 3.

In light of the several grounds for rejection, Claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form, and Claim 1 has been canceled. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejection on the merits, because in Applicants' view, Claim 2 clearly patentably defines over the cited prior art. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding grounds for rejection are based on a mistaken understanding of the claimed display control unit of the present application, relative to the control panel application 35 and system monitor application 31 of Wasynczuk et al. The display control unit of the Applicants' application is conceptually different from control panel application 35 and system monitor application 31 of Wasynczuk et al. Furthermore, there is no indication in Wasynczuk et al. that the elements 35 and 31 are "configured to display on the display unit a symbol acting as an interface for receiving an operation corresponding to

the user's will, wherein the interface unit accepts the user's operation making use of the symbol displayed on the display unit," as recited in Claim 1, and such structure and functionality certainly can not be said to be inherent in the elements 35 and 31, such that the outstanding rejection is only based on impermissible hindsight. Accordingly, the outstanding rejection of Claim 2 is traversed and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

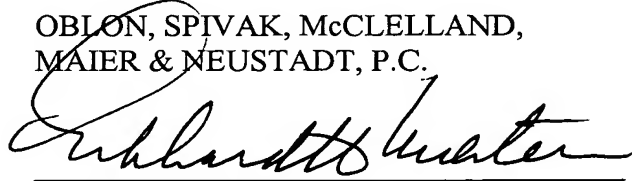
In regard to Claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the finding in the Office Action that Wasynczuk et al. describes RTI and HLA, nevertheless the Wasynczuk et al. document does not describe anything related to RTI or HLA. Further, as regards Claim 5, Wasynczuk et al. provides no description of a federation, and the cited reference is thus deficient with respect to both Claims 4 and 5.

In regard to Claims 6 and 7 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) based on Wasynczuk et al. and Reed et al., Applicants point out that the subject matter of these claims is not disclosed in Wasynczuk et al. and further not disclosed in Reed et al. Instead, Reed et al. disclose an electric power distribution system, and not a simulation. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding Office Action has not stated a prima facie case of obviousness with respect to Claims 6 and 7, and that these claims are therefore not rendered obvious over these references whether considered alone or in combination.

Consequently, for the reasons given, it is respectfully submitted that pending Claims 2-7 define allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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